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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year 1998!

Yes, it really is the New Year, again!

By the time you are read this Issue of NCNA Heads and Tales, both Jan D. Henke, of Fairfield, California, and O.L. Wallis, of San Rafael, California, will have been presented their 'Ron Miller Memorial Awards', our Association's 'Miller Medal'. Congratulations To Both!

This means our Association will now be seeking nominations for the 1998 calendar year. Please mail your nominations, to my attention, at either our Association's post office box mailing address, as given on the cover page, or my home at '1960 San Antonio, Berkeley, California, 94707-1620'. Details, as to this Award, are given elsewhere in this Issue. Nominations are sought. Please give thought to honoring someone in our coin hobby.

As it is the time of year for elections for many local coin clubs, I have noticed lately that its seems harder-and-harder to get members to run for a coin club office, any office! In fact, some local coin clubs cannot even get volunteers for a Nominating Committee! Further, some coin clubs have had the same officers for several years, even a decade, because no member wants to run for any office!

Yes, I am aware that some members have held several offices or one office for many years, and they, rightly, believe that they have done their part, their fair share. But, what about the rest of the members? The 'odds' would support that most members have yet to serve in any office!

Remember, that a coin club needs officers, and other positions, to just stay in existence; so, do your part and volunteer.

It is early, but National Coin Week is in April 1998, April 19 through 25. Now would be a great time for your local coin club to plan something to promote and display our hobby to the community and others. Several local coin clubs have had for years standard programs and displays each year during National Coin Week, as the Fremont Coin Club and Liberty Numismatic Society. Please encourage your coin club to join these with something.

Speaking of money, it might be a good time to spend your low grade, junk, or older dated coins and currency. I did this last year, and would you believe that a Safeway checker gave me in change a Liberty V-Nickel that I had tried to spend! She told me that the supermarket does not take foreign coins! By the way, the clerk was even older than me. This good be a great way to introduce our hobby to the non-collecting public.

Now, for some good news! Our Association will be holding a coin show in 1998! Please read on in this Issue for the initial details. News Releases announcing this Show, 'the Nor-Cal Invitational Coin Show' will be mailed shortly.

Well, This Is Enough For Me! Happy A Great New Year! See you at our 'Nor-Cal Coin Show' in July. Until next time, first, thanks much to our Editor for typing and editing (my spelling is worst than his) my President's Message, and, needless to say, enjoy your collecting.

Your President

Gordon R. Donnell

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Dear Fellow NCNA Member,

Greetings! You are reminded that your 1998 Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) Dues are now payable, and your continued membership and support for NCNA are welcomed. *The Dues Rate is: $5.00 per calendar year for Individual Members and $10.00 per calendar year for Coin Clubs.* Membership Cards will be replied upon receipt of Dues. NCNA *Life Members* and *those having prepaid in-advance their 1998 Dues* are **NOT** liable to remit annual dues.

Your Dues should be *paid by February 28th* to guarantee your continued membership plus receiving the next Issues of NCNA Heads and Tales.

Please remit your payment, payable to the 'Northern California Numismatic Association' or simply 'NCNA', to "PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410". Changes in mailing address may be sent to the same post office box.

I thank you in-advance for your membership. **Best Wishes in 1998!**

Numismatically Yours,

Michael S. Turrini
Treasurer

THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Preregoative

My Friends:

As some NCNAers might now know, Your Editor has accepted the position of Assistant Editor, for North of the Tehachapis, for our compatriot state organization's quarterly CALCOIN NEWS, published by the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA)

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Knowing my longtime vocal animosity toward CSNA and my repeated refusal to serve CSNA in any capacity, some may wonder why my reversal.

In addressing this really insignificant matter into a much more substantial issue, Your Editor needs--as we all--to remind himself--and for you, all of us--that one is always part of the problem and--if he or she is really honest to him or herself and everyone--must become part of the solution.

It is easy to complain. Construction requires work and labor. It is easy to criticize. Cooperation requires patience and endurance. It is easy to condemn. Consideration requires tolerance and humility, and it is easy to curtail. Contributing requires sacrifice and generosity, usually from one's pocketbook or own selfish time.

CSNA may not have done much, if anything, for me. Its prior Editor cancelled my enduring, and something not interesting, Series on the 1946 Iowa Statehood Centennial Commemorative Half Dollar; however, the reversal of my attitude--and remember there are always two sides--is to be open, admitting publicly that myself has done nothing for CSNA. In short, what is good for the goose, good or bad, is also good for the gander, good or bad.

Construct. Cooperate. Consider, and Contribute. These words imply positive action and attitude, whereas the words of complaint, criticize, condemnation, and curtailment mean only the negative. Those words even sound obnoxious.

Does our hobby--nay, our society and the whole world--need the latter four or cries for the first four? The answer, for rational people, should be for the positive four. The reply, of honest people, should be for the positive four, and the response, by good people, should be for the positive.

True, this is only a simple assignment for a limited issued quarterly periodical, and true, what this new Assistant Editor may accomplish might prove inadequate or pale to those before, or even after; yet, the lesson learned--and remember, true learning is lifelong--is that it is far better to construct, than to destroy, to cooperate, then to disengage, to consider, then to damn, and to contribute, then to disavow.

It is with these traits, these positive intentions, that I have accepted this position, and it is with these characteristics, these practices not just preaching, that I hope my continued diligence, devotion, and determination will be demonstrated, displayed, and done for our mutual avocation , numismatics, the science and hobby--nay, fellowship and fraternity--of coins, tokens, paper money, medals, silver rounds, and so on.

Numismatically Yours,

Michael S. Turrini
Editor

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GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

Coin Show--Coin Show!--COIN SHOW--**COIN SHOW**--*COIN SHOW*--***COIN SHOW***

Yes, for the first time since 1991, the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) will sponsor and hold at coin show, with a new name, site, and date. Relocating from the ever increasing costs and consternation of the Cathedral Hill (formerly Jack Tar) Hotel in San Francisco, the Board has agreed to have a coin show: ***'The First Annual Nor-Cal Invitational Coin Show'.***

At this point in time, only the basics have been established as to this 'Nor-Cal Coin Show', the intended new name for our Association's soon-to-be annual show. Here are the facts, so far:

'The First Annual Nor-Cal Invitational Coin Show'

July 10, 11, and 12, 1998, Friday through Sunday
Dealer Set-Up (tentative)--Friday, 6:00am to 10:00am
Show Hours (Bourse Room Open)--*Friday, July 10th, 10:00am to 8:00pm*
Saturday, July 11th, 10:00am to 6:00pm, and
Sunday, July 12th, 10:00am to 4:00pm

Sheraton Concord Hotel
45 John Glenn Drive, off Concord Avenue, Concord, California

Bourse: Eighty Tables *(Invitational Only!)*

Bourse Coordinator: *Vince Lacariere*
Fremont Coin Gallery
3769 Peralta Blvd., Suite L
Fremont, California 94536-3758
(510) 792-1511

Exhibits/Publicity: *Stan Turrini, c/o NCNA*
PO Box 4104
Vallejo, California 94590-0410
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General Information/Contacts: *Gordon Donnell*
(510) 526-0538

These are just the initial basics. A full-three day multi-event is planned: exhibits, Saturday dinner, collector meetings, special guests, speakers or some form of education programs, Youth Table, Information Table, and so on. There will also be the usual items of wooden nickels, and a silver medal, with off-medals, is anticipated to commemorate this First Annual. Much still is in the planning stage, and the next Issue of NCNA Heads and Tales, May 1998, should have a full roster and report as to this 'Nor-Cal Coin Show'. Stay Tuned!

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Next Board of Directors Meeting

As this Issue is being prepared, no date, nor site, has been set for any Board of Directors Meetings in the first-half of the 1998 year. Needless to say, with the 'Nor-Cal Coin Show', there will be at least two or three between January and June 1998. For information, telephone President Gordon Donnell at '510-526-0583'.

1998 Dues

Enclosed with this issue is the Annual Dues Notice. Prompt Payment Is Asked. Dues remain $5.00 for Individuals and $10.00 for Coin Clubs. Membership Cards will be replied upon payment of dues.

1998 Officer Election

Although the biannual election will not take place until the Fall (October or November), those Association Individual Members interested in serving NCNA, in an elected Office of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer, are welcomed to inquire as to 'running' for Office. Separate ballots will be prepared and mailed out later in the calendar year. As this Issue is being prepared, all the current five Executive Officers have expressed some interest in continuing in their respective positions, or moving-up to another position.

1998 Miller Medals Nominations

As our President mentioned in his President's Message, written nominations are now welcomed for this year's Ron Miller Memorial Award, our Association's highest and most esteemed honor. Details as to this Award, its criteria and provisions, may be contacted to our President or Editor (mailing addresses listed elsewhere in this Issue). Prior recipients have been: Your Editor, Gordon R. Donnell, Jan D. Henke, and O.L. Wallis. Please consider placing in nomination someone who has served our hobby or our Association.

Coin Show Schedule

Attached is the latest Coin Show Schedule, as prepared and published by Fred G. van den Haak. Please sent coin show information to him at 'PO Box 60484, Palo Alto, California, 94306-0484'. Early submission is urged. Courtesy copies may be requested for distribution at local coin clubs. *Note:* This Schedule is processed separately from NCNA Heads and Tales. Your Editor has nothing to do with its preparation.

CalCoin News Assistant Editor

As some readers may already know and as many fellow coin hobbyists will soon learn, Your Editor has accepted the position, and duty, of being Assistant Editor, for North of the Techachapis, for the California State Numismatic Association's (CSNA) quarterly CalCoin News. For local coin clubs, if you are already sending a complimentary issue of your club's periodical, please continue to do so. Your Editor will use same for *both* NCNA Heads and Tales and CalCoin News.

BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club News and Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, and news releases from these following coin clubs. Please send your periodical and club 'updates' to Your Editor for reporting and inclusion in NCNA Heads and Tales. Mail to the post office box given on the cover page. Thanks.

San Jose Coin Club At its September 10th meeting, it was this Club's "Other Hobbies Night' with these participants LARRY BENSON, Photography and Home Projects, WALLY WALLAKER, Air Froce Memories, DON BARSI, Arcade Game Tickets, and ED SINS, Old Trains. It was reported that LARRY BENSON offered some home improvement tips with his talk: he recommended purchasing several pairs of good gloves. WALLY WALLAKER noted that his 'true' other hobby was the twenty years he flew Delta Interceptor supersonic jets for the United States Air Force! At the November 12th meeting, GARY ACQUISTAPACE talked about Alaska Medals and Tokens. GARY is well-known for his regular trips and travels across this world, and his collecting of Alaskan tokens and medals: "For a determined individual you have to ask many shop owners before finding any good items. One store keeper told him that the last of that year's tokens were sold out, expect of maybe one or two that had been thrown into the light fixtures by a couple of summertime helpers. So what does a good medal collector do? Why go up into the ceiling light fixtures on a latter and look for the those needed tokens, of course!".

Sacramento Valley Coin Club Congratulations to JEFF SHELVIN for his design being accepted to grace the SVCC's Fortieth (40th), 1957-1997, Anniversary Commemorative Medal! Other SVCC members who submitted design--there were total of nine entrees submitted--were MARIANNE HOPKINSON and LONNI RENO. Several of these designs were reproduced in the August 1997 Issue of the SVCC Newsletter. Exhibit winners at the last April 1997 Fifteenth (15th) Annual Spring Show were just announced: LEE GONG, Best of Show, for 'Weak Strikes and Die Trials', CHCUK WHITE, First Place, 'Indians In Numismatics', and GORDON DONNELL, Second Place, 'Wooden Money'. The big news from the SVCC is the change for its semiannual Spring and Fall Shows: effective with the Sixteenth (16th) Annual Spring Show, April 25 and 26, 1998, the Show will be relocated to the 'Sacramento Convention Center, at 15th and J Streets, in downtown Sacramento'. This Center has been recently renovated and is convenient to many of downtown Sacramento's sites. This two day Show will be Saturday, 25th, 10:00am to 6:00pm and Sunday, 26th, 10:00am to 4:00pm. The bourse area will be in the Center's Exhibit Hall E. For additional information, as to the SVCC or its semiannual Shows, telephone Editor BOB DECESARIS at '916-456-5769'.

Fresno Numismatic Society Writes that its September 6, 1997 meeting was the Society's 'White Elephant Auction' which earned $195.00 toward the Society's coin show costs. The FNS has just elected its 1998-1999 Officers, and in this Society, there are two (2) years terms; they are: DAVID JOSEPHINE, Auction Coordinator, DENNIS SOLIDAY, Secretary, BRIAN HANSEN, Treasurer, and DENNIS NEUDAK, Vice-President, with RANDY CLIFTON, President and with double duty as The Fresno Numismatist', the Society's monthly newsletter, Editor.

Alameda Coin Club Reports that it continues to meet and stay-ahead! The ACC ended its 1997 year with a Holiday celebration at Alameda's Mexicali Resturant, 1619 Webster, in downtown Alameda. Several members and couples attended;but Treasurer CHUCK WHITE arrived late, after everyone had left, since he had been doing Christmas shopping, looking for bargins

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but did not locate any! In fact, the computer store that he was shopping at had a computer failure! The ACC will have a coin show next September 20, 1998, Sunday, at the Alameda Elks Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara Avenue, 9:00am to 4:00m. Bourse Applications are being prepared, and the Bourse Coordinator is DON BARSI.

Cupertino Coin Club Informed that it held a Donation Auction at its November 7, 1997 meeting which earned $603.00 for the Club: "Highlights of the items sold were a 1914 One Hundred Dollar Federal Reserve Note, which realized $125.00, an 1883 Hawaiian Quarter, which netted $47.00, and an uncut sheet of playing cards from the Dunes Casino in Las Vegas, which realized $25.00". The Club held its Annual Banquet last October 18, 1997 at Cupertino's Three Flames Restaurant, and at which, Life Memberships were presented to: KATHLEEN and DEAN SODERSTOM and MARK CLARK. The prior October 10th date had been the Club's Annual Youth Night--"Yute Nite" according to Coin Press Editor KEN BARR--at which Youth Vice-President GREY TYSON presided. GREG is the son of George Tyson, himself former Youth Vice-President in the CCC. The September 12, 1997 meeting was the CCC's Annual SeptemberFest at which thirty-five (35) members with four (4) guests attended. AL LO supplied the Togo sandwiches, and there were, by popular demand, 'old-fashion stuffed eggs' and other treats. Past Presidents in attendance were: PHIL SOLOMON, WALLY WALLAKER, AL LO, and DAN SHATTUC. GEORGE TYSON and CHUCK WHITE, both Junior Members when the Club was founded in early 1970, were also present. A fine write-up to this SeptemberFest was prepared by KATHERINE RAY, a Charter Member, #84, for the October 1997 Coin Press.

San Francisco Coin Club Has had some important events and activities these past few months: September 23, 1997 meeting heard O.L. WALLIS, talk on 'Nautical Numismatics, October 28, 1997 meeting was the SFCCs Thirty-Seventh (37th) Anniversary Social, at which JOHN SEARS, Charter Member #1, attended, and the November 25, 1997 meeting was the Club's Four Hundred Forty-Fourth (444th) Meeting. Special commemorative wooden nickels were done and distributed, and at this meeting the Club adopted new Bylaws, without any changes or rejections! Special thanks goes to EDITH V. MCMILLAN and STAN TURRINI, who worked over ten months on the proposal.

Livermore Valley Coin Club Reports that the October 21, 1997 meeting's On-Time Drawing was won by CHUCK WHITE. To quote, folks, "Chuck on time?. The November 18, 1997 meeting was the Club's annual 'Dog-Eat-Dog Night', but no summary published. The LVCC would like to thank RALPH, KATHY, ANGELA, and AMANDA ZOBEL, who had been publishing the LVCC's monthly newsletter these past two years.

Greater Houston Coin Club Had champion wrestler, SPUTNIK MOORE, talk about his career at the Club's August 21, 1997 meeting: "His exciting wrestling career brought memories to many present members, who asked many questions". His talk, "humorous presentation", was ended with much applause. JOE KLODSKY presented a summar of his time and experiences at the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) Summer Conference at the GHCC's September 18, 1997 meeting, and STAN GARCZYNSKI provided a nice historic program, 'How German Enigma Army Code Was Solved By The Allies In World War II', at the Club's October 16, 1997 meeting. The GHCC will gladly exchange and reciprocate newsletters/bulletins with other coin clubs, across our nation; just write to: "Greater Houston Coin Club, PO Box 2963, Houston, Texas, 77252-2963".

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Stanislaus County Coin Club Held 'Other Hobbies Night' at its past September 10, 1997 meeting: "FRANICS MAGGARD brought her crochet collection that she has been doing for twenty-plus years. WOW!! DEWEY MAGGARD brought his rock-hounding exhibit; he custom cuts his stones and these have won blue ribbons. ED CLARK brought collecting Transportation Tokens, something given for rides. He also brought two editions of the Atwood Coffee catalogues that tells the history of Transportation Tokens. DOUG DANIELS displayed the more one hundred (100) moving violations he has been 'ticketed' but was only convicted once! All moving violations! He brought all one hundred tickets!" (from the October 1997 Gold Strike). At the October 8, 1997 meeting, on the recommendation of TERRY WOODWARD, Life Membership was bestowed upon LES SCHOOLCRAFT. The SCCC recently elected its new Officers; they are: DOUG DANIELS, President, MARK (whoever; no last name recorded), Vice-President, HAL DEBOARD, Treasurer, and GARY STAGNO, Secretary, with VALERIE and JOAN ALVAREZ, as Officers-at-Large. Former SVCC member STAN JONES relocated back to Indiana where he renewed his coin hobby interests and "got $100.00 worth of Halves. He found five 1964's, twelve Forty Percenters (40%), and one lone Franklin Half. The next day he rushed back to the local bank for another $100.00 worth of Halves, but only found one Forty Percenters (40%) (from the November 1997 Gold Strike).

Delta Coin Club Heard ex-salty sailor, MIKE STANLEY, speak at its August 22, 1997 meeting on the USS Enterprise. At the November 28, 1997 meeting, STAN TURRINI spoke on "History In Your Change", antidotes and stories taken from the change--coins--carried in your pockets. The DCC, under the direction of SYD KASS, has become the first local coin club in California, and maybe the western United States, to produce an encased wooden nickel. Only one hundred (100) were done. A current dated Lincoln Cent was mounted into a Delta Coin Club wooden nickel for its 1997 Thirty-Third (33rd) Coin Show, October 18 and 19, 1997. The next event for this Club will be its Annual Dinner, Friday, January 9, 1998 at Stockton's Eagles' Hall.

Liberty Numismatic Society October 7, 1997 was the date for the LNS' Annual Book Sale: STEPHEN HUSTON served as the Auctioneer, and the major donors were: KEN BARR, DAN BARSI, DAVID F. CIENIEWICZ, VINCE LACARIERE, CHRIS' JEWELRY, DAVID W. LANGE, DONALD T. THRALL, and CHARLES W. WOODRUFF. Recent LNS meetings speakers have included NEVIO ANDREATTA and CHUCK WHITE, the latter "took a self-deprecating look at his transformation from exhibit novice to best-of-show champion. He also broke down the judging process to demonstrate how 'every point counts'" (from the LNS monthly newsletter, September 1997).

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Sad News: DONALD T. THRALL (1918-1997) passed away last November 14, 1997. DON had a long and distinguished record service to the PCNS and the hobby as-a-whole. Among his many services to PCNS, and also the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA), was his many years of service as the PCNS Treasurer. He was also a frequent speaker and author of numerous short articles and learned papers. His collecting interests centered around banking and financial history and tokens. What is not as well know to those who knew him in numismatics was that for decades DON was an active railroad and train booster. Recent PCNS meeting speakers have been: AL BlYTHE, JERRY SCHIMMEL, and LARRY REPPETEAU. PCNS ended the 1998 year with a joint affair with the neighboring San Francisco Coin Club, on Decmeber 23 ,1997.

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Gateway Coin Club Reports that GCC member CRAIG BLAKE, Club President, was the guest speaker sometime back at a Modesto meeting of the local chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). Big event for the GCC will be its Twenty-Fifth (25th) Anniversary next year, 1973-1998. Its special coin show for this Anniversary will be Sunday, June 14, 1998, at the Merced Senior Center, at 15th and O Streets, in downtown Merced, 10:00am to 4:00pm. At the August 7, 1997 meeting, regardless of the poor attendance, the GCC held a White Elephant Auction earning the Club $48.50. GCC reports the passing of respected member, RUBLE 'ROBBY' ROBINSON last September 1997 at the age 80, with his late "wife were fixtures at club meetings for quite a few years" (from GCC newsletter, October 1997).

Redwood Empire Coin Club Held at its September 10, 1997 meeting held 'Other Coin-Related Hobby Night'; participants were: BILL BARTZ, Magnifiers, JACK FREE, Numismatic Books, KEN JORDAN, Collecting By Denominations, STEVE TITMUS, Special Raffle, CHARLIE CATLETT, Coin Books, FRANK VILLALON, Special Rare Dated Coins, MERLE AVILA, Metal Detactors, and LEE GONG, Foreign Coins Minted At United States Mint. It was noted in the RECC's monthly newsletter for September 1997 that LEE GONG "has coins from about twenty-nine of the thirty-seven countries and about two hundred of the seven hundred known" foreign coins minted at the United States Mint. In addition, KEN JORDAN "talked about his endeavor to collect one coin of every known denomination in the world! He already has about fifty percent of the hundreds known!". The October 8, 1997 meeting was this Club's Oktoberfest Bash and Donation Night Auction. The next big event for the RECC will be its Thirtieth (30th) Annual Coin-A-Rama, next March 27 and 29, 1998, Saturday and Sunday, in the E.C. Kraft Building, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, in Santa Rosa.

Peninsula Coin Club Has its own WebSite; it is"http:/www-leland. stanford.edu/~clint/pcc": "Thanks to member CLINT CUMMINS for arranging this for us! We are hopeful that we can have current copies of our Club bulletin in addition to general Club information and details about our annual Coin Show on the Web soon! Check It Out If You Can!" (from PCC newsletter, September 1997). VINCE LACARIERRE displayed at the Club's October 13, 1997 meeting a very scare 1907 High Relief Twenty Dollar gold piece! PCC reminds fellow coin hobbyists that it now meets at "Palo Alto Elks, 4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto". To enter, use the Main Center front entrance: you may have to knock to allow entry.

Diablo Numismatic Society Reports losing its recent Diablo Die Break Editor BILL HEWITT; new Editor, effective January 1998 will be MIKE STANLEY. The DNS now meets in the "Concord Veterans Memorial Building, corner of Colfax and Willow Pass Road, 2290 Willow Pass Road, in downtown Concord". Previously, the Building was incorrectly named at the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Hall. Recent DNS activities have been: August 21,1997, MIKE STANLEY, 'USS Enterprise Memories', "an interesting talk about his three tours about the USS Enterprise. Included were a number of metallic items commemorating its commissioning, its participation with the first nuclear task force, and the Two Hundredth (200th) Anniversary of the Navy. Also shown were patches, shore liberty books, and cruisebooks" (from the Diablo Die Break, September 1997); October 16, 1997, special Foreign Coin Night with these participants: BOB BABB, MIKE FIORE, MIKE STANLEY, GORDON DONNELL, BILL HEWITT, CHUCK WHITE, STAN TURRINI, and SAM RUMPH, and December 6, 1997 Annual Christmas Dinner, at MIKE and NANCY STANLEY's home. This event ended the DNS 1997 year.

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Solano Silver Round Club Reports the final confirmed mintage of its yet-to-be-released Amelia Earhart Issue will be seventy-two (72); prior reported figure of seventy-one was in error, and did not account for one special presentation piece. Delivery is anticipated in January 1998. The Club has no definite plans as to its next issues, save one in 1998, for its Fifteenth (15th) Anniversary, 1983-1998. During past few months, the SSRC has held two special meetings: one at the Fairfield Coin Show, Sunday, September 28, 1997 and its annual year-ending Holiday Party, December 11, 1997, at Fairfield's Pietro's.

Fairfield Coin Club Held its Eighth (8th) Annual Fairfield Coin and Collectibles Show last September 28, 1997, and the Exhibit Winners were: LEE GONG, 'Missing Clad Coins', Best-of-Show, GORDON R. DONNELL, 'Depression Era Wooden Money', Peoples' Choice, STAN TURRINI, 'Confederate States 1864 Currency Issue', People's Choice, and CHUCK WHITE, 'Odd and Curious Money of Siam', President's Trophy. October 22, 1997 was the date for this Club's Annual George Flanagan Memorial Auction which earned $164.00 for the Club. JAN HENKE served as Auctioneer, and donors included ERNIE DRAKE, JAN HENKE, STEVE CARBONARO, CHUCK WHITE, STAN TURRINI, JOE SIROIS, BILL BARTZ, and JOHN and SANDY BEARDEN. The next big event for the FCC will be its Silver Jubilee Twenty-Fifth (25th) Anniversary, 1973-1998, next March 1998. Tentative plans call for a catered event, with potluck dishes, at Fairfield's Anhesuer-Busch Brewery on Saturday evening, March 14, 1998. A large drawing, valued at $500.00, and assorted other giveaways and table favors are anticipated. Limited Seating: only ninety (90) total, with first priority to current FCC members. STAN TURRINI will double as the Master of Ceremonies (M/C), and a special guest speaker is planned. Further details will be announced later. Inquiries, particularly from relocated former members, may be corresponded to: "PO Box 944, Fairfield ,California, 94533".

Vallejo Numismatic Society Recent VNS meeting activities have been: September 3, 1997, the Fourth (4th) Annual Chinese Buffet, with the neighboring Redwood Empire Coin Club of Santa Rosa, October 4, 1997, 'Other-Than-Coins Night', which included a special wooden nickel issue, November 5 ,1997, 'Colonial Coinage', a survey talk by MIKE STANLEY, and December 3, 1997, the Fourth (4th) Annual Hopperstad Auction, which earned $493.00 to be used to purchase numismatic reference dictionaries to be donated to the local middle and high libraries. The VNS reelected its 1998 Officers, and they are: MIKE STANLEY, President, DR. RODNEY W. BAKER, Vice-President, STAN TURRINI, Treasurer, and MIKE 'In-Your-Face' FIORE, Secretary. The big event for the VNS and the neighboring Farifield Coin Club was its just past December 13, 1997 Eleventh (11th) Annual Joint Christmas Party, held at Fairfield's Anhesuer-Busch Brewer. A sellout crowd--reservations were sold-out two months in-advance--enjoyed a great, if lengthy, evening. HELEN L. CARMODY, American Numismatic Association (ANA) Governor, was the Party's honored guest, for the second year in-a-row. DR. WALTER A. OSTROMECKI, JR served as the Master of Ceremonies (M/C). Numerous honors and awards were presented during this Party: the Fairfield Coin Club honored JOE SIROIS with its rarely given Jan Henke Service Award and also BILL BARTZ with its Rich Neily Memorial Award, engraved Exhibit Medals were distributed for both groups, the two groups presented RUSSELL LEACH their Joint Plaque, and the Miller Medals of our Association (NCNA) were bestowed onto JAN D. HENKE and O.L. WALLIS. The main honor was the presentation of the ANA's President's Award to SYD KASS, of Stockton, California, by Governor HELEN L. CARMODY. Over all, another great evening!

COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

These coin show listings are provided as a service to the numismatic community by the Northern California Numismatic Association. Show listings are updated quarterly and are available without cost to member Coin Clubs. If you would like to have a show listed, please send all pertinent information to: Fred G. van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306.

Jan.16-18, 1998	SAN JOSE. San Jose Coin Club Annual Show, "OLD" San Jose Convention Center, Park Avenue and Market Street, San Jose. Bourse: Dean Alfred. P,O, Box 5621, San Jose, Ca. 95150. Admission $1.
Feb. 22, 1998	LIVERMORE. Livermore Valley Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Elks Lodge, Livermore. Bourse: Howard Kosanke, (510) 449-1973.
Feb.28/Mar.1 1998	OAKLAND. Token Jamboree 1998, Western States Token Society, Oakland Airport Hilton Hotel, 1 Hegenberger Rd., Oakland, Ca. Bourse/Information: Duane Feisel, P.O. Box 212, Shingletown, Ca. 96088 (916) 223-4169
Mar. 7-8, 1998	EUREKA. Eureka Coin Club Annual Coin Show, No other details currently available!
Mar. 28-9, 1998	SANTA ROSA. Redwood Empire Coin Club Annual Show, E.C. Kraft Bldg., Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Road., Santa Rosa. Bourse: Merle Avila (707) 585-3711. Admission $1.
Apr. 25-6, 1998	SACRAMENTO. Sacramento Valley Coin Club Show, Sacramento Convention Center, 1301 "L" Street, Sacramento. Bourse: David Herr (530) 885-9050
June 14, 1998	MERCED. Gateway Coin Club 25th Anniversary Coin Show Merced Senior Community Center, 15th and "O" Street, Merced. Bourse: Joel Anderson, P.O. Box 3101, Merced, Ca. 95344. Phone: (209) 722-5426 Admission $1
June 28, 1998	VALLEJO. Vallejo Numismatic Society Annual Show, Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Tuolumne St. &End North Camino Alto, Vallejo. Bourse: Bill Bartz, P.O. Box 4281, Vallejo, Ca. 94590.
July 10-12, '98	CONCORD. NorCal Invitational Coin Show ("N.C.N.A.") [Formerly N.C.N.A. Jack Tar Show]. Concord Sheraton Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive at Concord Avenue, Concord. Bourse: Vince Lacariere (510) 792-1511

August 16, 1998	FREMONT. Fremont Coin Club Annual Show, Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, Ca. Bourse: Vince LaCariere, P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, Ca. 94538.
Sept. 20, 1998	ALAMEDA. Alameda Coin Club Coin Show, Alameda Elk's Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda. Bourse: Don Barsi, P.O. Box 7989, Fremont, Ca. 94537.
Sept. 27, 1998	FAIRFIELD. Fairfield Coin Club Annual Coin Show. Fairfield Community Center, Assembly Room, 1100 Kentucky at Pennsylvania, Fairfield. Bourse: Bill Bartz, P.O. Box 944, Fairfield, Ca. 94533.
Oct. 17-18, '98	STOCKTON. Delta Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Eagle's Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton. Bourse: Ruben Smith III, P.O. Box 5787, Stockton, Ca. 95202
Oct. 24-5, 1998	FRESNO. Fresno Numismatic Society 31st Annual Coin Show, Las Palmas Masonic Hall, 2992 E. Clinton Avenue, Fresno. Bourse: Ruth Phillips, 227 N. Duke Ave., Fresno, Ca. 93727. (**Admission $1**)
Nov. 8, 1998	PALO ALTO. Peninsula Coin Club Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Elk's Lodge #1471, 4290 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306.